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SUBJECT: CYPRUS ISSUES ON JOINT PLANNING WITH UK

REF: A) STATE 254177 B) ANKARA 8074

1. SUMMARY: WE THINK THERE IS VIRTUALLY ZERO POSSIBILITY THAT TURKISH CYPRIOTS/TURKEY COULD BE PERSUADED RESCIND UDI ONCE DECLARED. HOWEVER, THERE IS A SLIM CHANCE THAT OUTSIDERS MIGHT BE ABLE MITIGATE ITS EFFECTS IF UDI HAD BEEN PROMPTLY AND UNQUIVOCALLY DEPLORED BY US AND OTHER KEY NATIONS. FAILURE TO DEPLORE WOULD RESULT IN CRITICAL LOSS OF LEVERAGE WITH GREEKS WHO WOULD FEEL OBLIGED REACT TO YET ANOTHR ACCOMPLISHED FACT BY EXTREME MEASURE OF THEIR OWN. END SUMMARY.

2. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED FULL MEMCON OF JOINT US-UK PLANNING SESSION (STATE 254177) AND THUS CANNOT OFFER OPINION ON ALL QUESTIONS RAISED THERE, WE WISH TO COMMENT ON ANKARA 8074, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO NATURE AND TIMING OF INITIAL USG RESPONSE TO UDI BY TURKISH CYPRIOTS.

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3. WE AGREE THAT NET EFFECT OF REACION TO DENKTASH'S

HALF-COCKED BLUSTERING ON POSSIBLE UDI SEVERAL WEEKS AGO HAS PROBABLY INCREASED WEIGHT OF ARGUMENTS AGAINST SUCH A MOVE -- OR AT LEAST GIVEN GOT AND DENKTASH GOOD IDEA OF INTERNATIONAL ATTITUDES. WE DOUBT THAT DENKTASH WILL MAKE SAME MISJUDGEMENT TWICE. IF HE GOES FOR UDI, HE WILL HAVE SECURED ACQUIESCENCE/SUPPORT OF GOT. DENKTASH, "ACTING ON HIS OWN" IN FUTURE ON SUCH KEY MATTER WOULD SEEM UNLIKELY. WE WOULD NOTE, PARENTHETICALLY, THAT AN OUTCOME OF UNGA CYPRUS DEBATE WHICH TURKS REGARD AS UNSATISFACTORY WOULD SHARPLY INCREASE THE PRESSURES FOR EARLY UDI, AND DENKTASH HAS THREATENED IN NEW YORK.

4. WE THINK CHANCES THAT TURKS COULD BE PERSUADED RESCIND UDI ONCE DECLARED ARE ALMOST NIL. WHILE THERE MIGHT BE THOSE IN GOT WHO REMAINED DOUBTFUL OF ITS VIRTUES, THEY COULD HARDLY DO OTHER THAN RALLY TO THE CAUSE ONCE TURKISH PRIDE HAD BEEN SO SYMBOLICALLY ENGAGED. WE HAVE SOME HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT OUTSIDE INFLUENCES MIGHT BE SUCCESSFUL IN EFFORTS TO PREVENT A SHARPLY WORSENE SITUATION ON CYPRUS IF RPT IF GREEKS HAD SEEN UDI WIDELY AND PROMPTLY DEPLORED. CONVERSELY, IF US AND OTHER KEY NATIONS WERE NOT VERY QUICK OFF THE MARK IN DEPLORING, THERE WOULD BE A CRITICAL LOSS OF LEVERAGE WITH GREEKS IN PREVENTING EXTREME STEPS ON THE ISLAND AND INTERNATIONALLY.

5. FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES HAS REPEATEDLY TOLD ME AND OTHER DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES IN RECENT WEEKS THAT IN EVENT OF UDI GOC WOULD PROHIBIT ANY FORM OF CONTACT WITH TURKISH LEADERSHIP AND WOULD TERMINATE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. HOWEVER, IF WE AND OTHERS PEACTED PROMPTLY AND SYMPATHETICALLY IN OPPOSING UDI AS YET ANOTHER ACCOMPLISHED FACT, AND GREEKS THEREBY SAW THAT TFSC WOULD NOT OBTAIN MEANINGFUL INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION, GOC MIGHT BE PERSUADED RECONSIDER LOCAL OPTIONS. USG COULD ARGUE THAT UDI CHANGED NOTHING IN PRACTICAL TERMS, THAT USG DOES NOT RECOGNIZE TFSC AND UDI, THAT WE WOULD TRY TO BE HELPFUL IN MODIFICATION OF UDI IN CONTEXT OF CONTINUED INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, AND THAT FOREIGN MISSIONS SHOULD CONTINUE PRESENT NON-PREJUDICIAL WORKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADERSHIP. THIS TACTIC WOULD BE MUCH HARDER WITH UDI BUT IT WORKED WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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